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SUBJECT: GUEST SCIENTIST ON WHALING FLEET

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1. JAPAN FISHERIES AGENCY HAS AGAIN APPROACHED JOINT WHALING COMPANY IN ATTEMPT TO GET PERMISSION FOR PIVORUNAS TO SAIL WITH FLEET SO THAT HE MAY CARRY OUT RESEARCCH ON DETERMINING AGE OF WHALES. THOUGH COMPANY HAS NOT YET DENIED REQUEST, IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDING THAT USG WITHDRAW ITS PROPOSAL FOR SCIENTIST TO ACCOMPANY FLEET.

2. MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS OF COMPANY NOW SAY THEY FEAR FOR SAFETY OF U.S. SCIENTIST. ACCORDING TO COMPANY, ANTI-U.S. FEELING IS RUNNING HIGH IN CREW MEMBERS WHO SO FAR HAVE SURVIVED SEVERE REDUCTIONS IN FLEET. OFFICIALS FEEL THAT SLIGHTEST PROVOCATION COULD CAUSE CREW MEMBER TO TURN ON SCIENTIST AND CAUSE HIM SEVERE INJURY. JAPAN FISHERIES AGENCY GENERALLY AGREES WITH ASSESSMENT OF WHALING COMPANY.

3. REF (A) DESCRIBED REDUCTIONS THAT HAVE RECENTLY TAKEN PLACE IN WHALING FLEET INCLUDING CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT AND ALSO INDICATED THAT LABOR CONDITIONS HAVE CHANGED FOR THOSE STILL EMPLOYED. SEVERAL DAYS
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PRIOR TO SCHEDULED SAILING OF FLEET EARLIER THIS MONTH, CREW WENT ON STRIKE TO PROTEST MEASURES MANAGEMENT WAS FORCED TO TAKE TO ADJUST FLEET TO REDUCTION OF QUOTAS. INTERVENTION AT HIGH GOVERNMENT LEVEL WAS REQUIRED TO SETTLE STRIKE. CREW APPARENTLY STILL VERY UNHAPPY WITH SITUATION THAT PREVAILS.

4. WE AGREE THAT ANTI-U.S. FEELING IS PROBABLY
RUNNING HIGH IN FLEET. FISHATT WILL BE DISCUSSING
ISSUE FURTHER WITH COMMISSIONER YONEZAWA IN ALASKA
THIS WEEK TO DETERMINE HIS ASSESSMENT. HE HAS
HANDLED OUR REQUESTS IN PAST BUT WAS ABSENT AT TIME
OF SECOND REQUEST TO COMPANY TO GET PRIVORUNAS ACCEPTED.
WE WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATION TO YOU AFTER DISCUSSIONS
WITH YONEZAWA.
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